

rapid

1. ['ræpɪd] *n* **обыкн. pl**
 речной порог; быстрина
 to shoot rapids - перебираться через (речные) пороги
2. ['ræpɪd] *a*
 1. 1) **быстрый, скорый**
 rapid movement [growth] - быстрое движение [-ый рост]
 rapid gait - торопливая походка, быстрые шаги
 rapid worker - проворный работник
 rapid thinker - быстро соображающий человек
 rapid river [stream] - быстрая /бурная/ река [-ый поток]
 rapid flow - бурное течение
 rapid events - быстрая смена событий
 rapid boiling - кипение ключом
 rapid erosion - **геол.** интенсивная эрозия
 rapid return - **тех.** ускоренный ход *или* возврат
 rapid steel - **тех.** быстрорежущая сталь
 rapid heart - **мед.** учащённое сердцебиение, тахикардия
 rapid consumption - **мед.** скоротечная чахотка
 rapid analysis - **тех.** экспресс-анализ
 to take a rapid glance - бросить беглый взгляд; взглянуть мельком
 - 2) **скоростной; быстроходный (о средстве сообщения)**
 2. **крутой (о склоне и т. п.)**
 rapid descent [ascent] - крутой спуск [подъём]
 there was a rapid rise in the highway - дорога шла круто в гору
 3. **фото** высокочувствительный (о фотоматериале); светосильный (о фотоаппарате или объективе)

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rapid [rapid rapids rapider rapidest] *BrE* ['ræpɪd] ^m *NAmE* ['ræpɪd] ^m **adjective**

1. **usually before noun** happening in a short period of time
 - **rapid change/expansion/growth**
 - a **rapid rise/decline** in sales
 - The patient made a **rapid recovery** .
 2. **done or happening very quickly**
 - a **rapid pulse/heartbeat**
 - The guard fired four shots in rapid succession .
 - The disease is spreading at a rapid rate.
- Derived Words ↑rapidity ▪ ↑rapidly

Word Origin:

mid 17th cent.: from Latin **rapidus**, from **rapere** 'take by force'.

Thesaurus:

rapid *adj.* **usually before noun**

- There has been a rapid rise in sales.

quick • • **fast** • • **speedy** • • **high-speed** • • **brisk** • • **hurried** • • **express** • |written **swift** • |often disapproving **hasty** •

Opp: **slow**

- a rapid/quick/fast/swift/hasty **change**
- a rapid/quick/fast/speedy/brisk **rate**
- rapid/quick/fast/brisk/swift **movement**
- a rapid/quick/fast/hurried/swift/hasty **exit**

Synonyms:

fast / quick / rapid

These adjectives are frequently used with the following nouns:

fast ~ quick ~ rapid ~		
car	glance	change
train	look	growth
bowler	reply	increase
pace	decision	decline
lane	way	progress

Fast is used especially to describe a person or thing that moves or is able to move at great speed.
 Quick is more often used to describe something that is done in a short time or without delay.
 Rapid, swift and speedy are more formal words.
 Rapid is most commonly used to describe the speed at which something changes. It is not used to describe the speed at which something moves or is done: a rapid train ◊We had a rapid coffee.

Swift usually describes something that happens or is done quickly and immediately: ▪ a swift decision ◊ ▪ The government took swift action.

Speedy has a similar meaning: ▪ a speedy recovery. It is used less often to talk about the speed at which something moves: a speedy car.

For the use of fast and quick as adverbs, see the usage note at ↑quick.

Example Bank:

- The patient made a rapid recovery.
- There has been a rapid rise in sales.

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rap **id** **W3** /'ræpəd, 'ræpɪd/ *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ **adjective**

[Date: 1600-1700; Language: Latin; Origin: rapidus 'seizing, sweeping away', from rapere; ⇒ ↑rape¹]

happening or done very quickly and in a very short time ⇒ **fast, quick**:

The patient made a rapid recovery.

rapid growth/expansion/development/increase

rapid population growth

a period of **rapid decline**

He fired three times **in rapid succession** (=one after another).

—**rapidity** /rə'pɪdəti, rə'pɪdɪti/ **noun** [uncountable]:

Their debts mounted with alarming rapidity.

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COLLOCATIONS

nouns

- **rapid growth/expansion/development** The industry is experiencing rapid growth.
- **a rapid increase/rise** The country cannot cope with a rapid increase in population.
- **rapid change** The labour market has undergone a period of rapid change over the last few years.
- **the rapid spread of something** Close contact between people resulted in the rapid spread of the disease.
- **a rapid decline/deterioration** These parasites cause a rapid decline in the health of the fish.
- **rapid progress** Both Tom and Victoria had made rapid progress under his guidance.
- **a rapid response** He praised state health authorities for their rapid response to the crisis.

phrases

- **at a rapid rate/pace** Deforestation is occurring at a rapid rate as a result of agricultural development.
- **in rapid succession** (=quickly, one after the other) Pictures of a man were flashed upon the screen in rapid succession.

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